

## **ABOUT USAG JAPAN**

### **◆ MISSION**

US Army Garrison, Japan supports I Corps (Forward), USARJ, and tenant commands from dispersed sites to ensure mission readiness, and the quality of life of the Army community in a sustainable, transforming joint and combined environment.

### **◆ VISION**

We are the Army's home in Japan. We will continue to be the leader in Installation Management Command (IMCOM) and set the example in providing world class installation services and support to Soldiers and Families in a transforming theater.

### **CORE VALUES**

- ◆ CROSS-CULTURAL TEAMWORK
- ◆ PROFESSIONALISM
- ◆ ACCOUNTABILITY
- ◆ DUTY
- ◆ INTEGRITY
- ◆ LOYALTY
- ◆ TRUST

## **HISTORY**

When the Japanese Military Academy was transferred to Zama in 1937, it was intended to accommodate a maximum of eight companies for the first and second term classes (4 companies per class). At the time the school was deemed sufficient. The expansion of the China Incident into the Greater East Asia War necessitated the increase of students and addition of educational equipment. Annually the equipment was added and new land space purchased for additional buildings. By 1940 both front and south sides of the school area had been purchased with additional students' billets constructed. At the end of the war, the billeting capacity increased to handle 20 companies of students.

After the move of the Military Academy to Zama, the Central Headquarters decided to change Sagamihara Area into a group of military bases and military industrial zones. Thus Sagami Arsenal (presently Sagami General Depot), The Communication School (presently Sagami Women's College and so forth), The First Telegraph Regiment (presently US dependent housing), Provisional Tokyo No. 9 Military Hospital (presently National Sagamihara Hospital), Armor Equipping School (presently Camp Fuchinobe) and so forth were established. The maneuvering ground located behind the military Academy combined with the adjacent maneuvering grounds of other units into a vast area for joint maneuvers. At present almost all of the lands have been transferred to private ownership. The maneuver grounds have been converted into housing areas,

factories, golf links, farms and so forth. And now the change has been so great that it is hard to visualize past days. United States Army Garrison, Japan was activated on 14 May 2003 at Camp Zama.

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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**US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND**  
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Office of the Commander

Subject: Welcome Letter

On behalf of all personnel assigned to United States Army Japan, I welcome you to Camp Zama, Japan, an Army Community of Excellence. My staff and I will do everything possible to make your assignment both personally and professionally rewarding.

As you will discover, living in Japan is a unique experience. Our Japanese neighbors are warm and friendly and there are plenty of opportunities for cultural exchanges and travel.

Your assignment will be a challenging one in which you will enjoy an excellent opportunity to make a personal and meaningful contribution to a vital role which United States Army Japan plays in the overall United States Army mission. We are looking forward to you joining us in this effort.

In addition, I hope you accept many of the numerous opportunities to participate in enhancing and developing our community. Your involvement in Army Community Service, Red Cross, Department of Defense Dependent Schools, Youth Services, or one of the numerous private organizations will help us to improve the Camp Zama community and to make it a better place in which to live and work.

Again, welcome! Be an active part of our community, and enjoy your tour in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert M. Waltemeyer".

Robert M. Waltemeyer  
Colonel, US Army  
Commanding